

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11 (Cancelled)

12 (Previously Presented). A method for the treatment of a subject in need of treatment for hypoxia or ischemia-related disease comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of an antagonist of a polypeptide having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10, or an analogue thereof.

13 (Original). The method of claim 12, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is stroke.

14 (New). The method of claim 12, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is retinopathy.

15 (New). The method of claim 12, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is acute renal failure.

16 (New). The method of claim 12, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is myocardial infarction.

17 (New). An RNA molecule which targets mRNA encoding a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10.

18 (New). The RNA molecule of claim 17 wherein the targeting prevents processing, splicing, transport or translation of the mRNA.

19 (New). The RNA molecule of claim 17 wherein the targeting results in mRNA degradation.

20 (New). The RNA molecule of claim 17 where the RNA is an antisense RNA.

21 (New). The RNA molecule of claim 17 where the RNA is a ribozyme.

22 (New). An RNA molecule which targets DNA encoding a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:10.

23 (New). The RNA molecule of claim 22 wherein the targeting results in a transcriptionally inactive product.

24 (New). A method for the treatment of a subject in need of treatment for hypoxia or ischemia-related disease comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically active amount of the RNA of claim 17.

25 (New). A method for the treatment of a subject in need of treatment for hypoxia or ischemia -related disease comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically active amount of the RNA of claim 22.

26 (New). The method of claim 24, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is stroke.

27 (New). The method of claim 24, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is retinopathy.

28 (New). The method of claim 24, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is acute renal failure.

29 (New). The method of claim 24, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is myocardial infarction.

30 (New). The method of claim 25, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is stroke.

31 (New). The method of claim 25, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is retinopathy.

32 (New). The method of claim 25, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is acute renal failure.

33 (New). The method of claim 25, wherein the hypoxia or ischemia-related disease is myocardial infarction